

Azure Tech Groups - Group Leader December Communication

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Hello Azure Tech Groups leaders!

As we look ahead to 2021, we want to take a moment say *THANK YOU* to everyone for your continued efforts in supporting the community throughout the year. This year has challenged us all to adapt and innovate in ways we never imagined. Your dedication and contributions helped to grow and expand the reach of the Azure Tech Groups program, allowing us to support more developers than ever before. Who knows where 2021 will take us, but we know we'll get through it together.

Here are some updates, interesting finds, and resources for you to use or share with your groups as we look ahead to the new year!

Program Updates

Enroll now to remain in the Azure Tech Groups program

The enrollment window for existing Azure Tech Groups is still open. As a reminder, we are working to enhance and grow the Azure Tech Groups program. For example, we now have a [dedicated hub](#) for group leaders in Microsoft Tech Community, new documentation including new [program guidance](#) and an [FAQ](#), and content and resources for group leaders on [GitHub](#). We have additional improvements underway, but we need your help. Please update your information by completing the enrollment process so we can learn more about your group and get your acknowledgement of the new program T&Cs.

Tip: Make sure your Meetup page includes a link to your code of conduct if you host it on GitHub or another location.

For those of you who have already started or completed the enrollment process – ***thank you!***

For those of you who have not started yet, please don't delay.

The deadline to initiate the process is: December 31, 2020.

[Enroll now](#)

Don't miss the next Group Leaders Quarterly Call

Join us ***Wednesday, January 20, 2021*** for the next Azure Tech Groups quarterly call. These quarterly calls provide a great opportunity to connect with the program team, hear about new

resources to support your groups, share ideas, and find out where the program is going. The call will take place twice to accommodate time zones:

Time option #1 – 16:00 – 16:45 UTC (8:00 – 8:45 PST)

Time option #2 – 23:00 – 23:45 UTC (15:00 – 15:45 PST)

We look forward to chatting with you in 2021!

[Click here](#) to register, share topic requests, and download a calendar invite.

News from Meetup

Recording: [What's coming up in 2021](#)

Join Meetup's new CTO, Rajib Ahmed and VP of Engineering, Brian Guthrie for insights on what Meetup has planned for 2021.

Search page update

The search page is being updated with a new look and feel, easier navigation, and better recommendations for users. Meetup's newest members have access to the new experience already. For a sneak peek into the new experience, you can visit <https://www.meetup.com/> from an incognito window.

New event search filters on the Meetup mobile app

Meetup is releasing the ability for users to refine and filter event search results on the Meetup mobile app. This includes the ability to filter event search results by event type (online or in-person), distance, and custom date ranges. Users can apply a single filter or a combination of filters to help them narrow down and find an event that best matches their needs. Available on Android and limited release on iOS.

Interesting Finds

Recording: [A Success Story, Microsoft Azure's Growing Meetup Pro Network](#)

Tune in to learn about the success behind Microsoft Azure's Meetup Pro Network.

Spoiler alert: It's YOU!

Check out the new Microsoft Learn modules inspired by "Space Jam: A New Legacy"

Microsoft and Xbox are teaming up with LeBron James for a new "Space Jam: A New Legacy" inspired intelligent web app learning path.

[Learn More](#)

Look ahead - Azure AI: New resources and tools coming soon

Keep an eye out for new resources to help users learn how to leverage the features of Azure Cognitive Services and Azure Machine Learning.

Resources

Azure Tech Groups program guide - <https://developer.microsoft.com/azure-tech-groups/program-guide>

Azure Tech Community GitHub - <https://github.com/azuretechcommunity>

Free tools to support meeting virtually -

- Video meeting from Skype - <https://www.skype.com/en/free-conference-call/>
- Microsoft Teams - https://aka.ms/atc/MSTeams_Free

Newsletter archive

If you missed our last update (or any previous updates), you can visit our newsletter archive to find past editions.

[Check out the archive](#)

Have a safe and fun New Years!

'Til next year!

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